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1. US to recognize Arias Government in Panama--The Department of State has informed US Embassies in Latin America of its intention to recognize the Arias regime in Panama on 14 December "barring unforeseen adverse developments." The Department reiterates the view that recognition does not constitute approval of the way in which the Arias Government came into power.

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